



C.A.S.E. - Christian Association of Stellar Explorers

The Amateur Astronomy Club of Siloam Springs
A Non-Profit Organization

Bylaws/Club Constitution

Article I - Name and Objective

The group will be known as the Christian Association of Stellar Explorers, or C.A.S.E., also subtitled as the Amateur Astronomy Club of Siloam Springs. The objective of C.A.S.E. will be to introduce others to the world and hobby of amateur astronomy, through educational sessions, meetings, and group star parties. As a group, we profess to be believers in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We all agree that God created the universe and all things, no matter the means or modes of operation used. We believe that this organization is a forum for individuals to observe and marvel at the creation.

Article II - Qualifications for Membership

C.A.S.E. will accept all who profess an interest in amateur astronomy. All races, genders, and ages will be accepted for membership.

Article III - Categories of Membership

Membership categories are divided into three areas - Regular Membership, Junior (Jr.) Membership, and Family Memberships. All members are entitled to the same rights and privileges, no matter the level of membership or the amounts tendered for said membership.

Article IV - Officers, Duties, Elections

Officers for the Christian Association of Stellar Explorers will consist of the President and the Secretary/Treasurer.

1. The President's duties will include, but are not limited to, organization of the meetings, scheduling of meetings, production of a monthly newsletter to the membership, scheduling star parties as the membership would prefer and conducting the regular meetings in an orderly fashion. The President will also ratify any and all votes of the membership, and announce those results to the membership at large.
2. The Secretary/Treasurer's duties will include, but are not limited to, the collection of annual membership fees, organization of the club's checkbook and finances, disbursement of funds to pay any and all bills associated with the organization and effective operation of the organization's business. The Secretary/Treasurer will also be responsible for the mailing of the monthly newsletter, and any and all voting records. The Secretary/Treasurer will also have the duty of counting and ratifying any and all votes of the organization.

Election of said officers will occur once per year, and will require a 2/3 vote of the membership to ratify any elections. If an officer is unable to complete his/her term, then a special election will be held at the regular meeting of the organization. Elections will be held by secret ballot, and may be done either at a meeting, in person, or by mail (proxy). Officers and other elected officials may be added to this list at any time, pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Article VII.

Article V - Meetings and Activities

Regular meetings of the Organization will be held once per month, at a time and place to be decided by the membership. Robert's Rules of Order will also prevail at all regular meetings. Activities of the group will include, but are not limited to, star parties, educational awareness sessions, and public viewing sessions. Alcohol and tobacco products are strictly prohibited at any and all organization functions.

Article VI - Dues and Financial Controls

Dues (fees) of the Organization will be set at \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) per year for regular membership, \$5.00 (five dollars) for Junior membership, and \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per year for family memberships. All finances will be kept current by the Secretary/Treasurer, and a monthly accounting of the organization's monies will be reported at the regular meeting.

Article VII - Methods of Amending these Bylaws

The Bylaws can be amended at any time, pursuant to a vote of the membership. The membership must ratify any and all bylaw changes by a simple majority vote. However, these bylaws must be voted on by 2/3 of the current membership. All bylaw changes will be voted on at a regular meeting. The membership may vote either in person, or by proxy using the mail. The bylaws do not allow for a change in the name of the organization, due to our founding as a Christian group.

These bylaws are accepted and are in effect, on Friday, July 9, 1999, by ratification of the founding members of the organization.

President

Secretary/Treasurer

Bylaws/Club Constitution (Amendments)

Article VIII - Charitable Purposes

The association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code or any future tax code.

Article IX - Activities Disclaimer

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code.

Article X - Dissolution Provisions

Upon dissolution of the association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

These amendments to the bylaws are accepted and are in effect, on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, by ratification of a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the organization.

President

Secretary/Treasurer